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AAAS Statement on White House Proclamation on Immigration and Visas

The Trump administration's actions on immigration and visas – most recently the September 24 White House proclamation -- continue to have a chilling effect on students and scientists who seek to work and collaborate with their peers in the United States. Scientific progress depends on openness, transparency and the free flow of ideas. The United States has historically benefited from its attraction of international scientific talent, which is essential to U.S. economic and national security. We remain concerned that administration policies are trading the loss of scientists and future scientists to our country for unsubstantiated improvements to security. Impacts to U.S. leadership in science, technology, and innovation must be considered in the development of immigration and visa policy.

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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